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Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
1588 North West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within Blazon Mine during the period of December 7, 1979.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Murray I. Smith
Chief, Division of Inspection & Enforcement

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

BLAZON COMPANY & T.O.E. INVESTMENT COMPANY N.V.
BLAZON MINE
P.O. Box 327
Ferron, Utah 84523

DATE: December 7, 1979
TIME: 2:25 p.m. - 3 p.m.
WEATHER: Clear and cold
COUNTY & STATE: Carbon County, Utah
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Jack Otani
STATE OFFICIAL: Jim Smith
OSM OFFICIALS: Gary Fritz and Dennis Winterringer
TYPE OF INSPECTION: Initial
MSHA I.D. NO: 4201582

GENERAL COMMENTS

This was an initial inspection of a proposed underground mine in Section 4, T14S, R7E, Salt Lake Base Meridian. It is about three-quarters of a mile south of the town of Clear Creek on an existing dirt road off U.S. Highway 96. Access to the area at this time of the year was via snowmobile or snowshoes.

Mr. Otani and his son Randy were going up Mud Creek Canyon when we stopped south of the city of Clear Creek because of the deep snow. We rode to the site on snowmobiles.

There was no evidence of any mining activity at the minesite. The company is going to mine a small block of privately and county owned coal. The mine will produce about 100,000 tons per year for ten years from the Upper Clear Creek Seam which is about five feet thick. The lower seam, which is called Lower Clear Creek Seam, has been mined out by the Clear Creek #1 and #2 mines.

Mr. Otani said that no development would take place until the company has a mine permit. Consequently, he was anxious to hear about the current status of the company's mine plan. Jim Smith, Inspector for the Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining, stated that the proposal was being evaluated, but he could not give Mr. Otani the current status of the mine plan approval.


GARY L. FRITZ

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